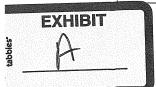
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22 BY MR. SHEINESS:

A. No.

24 told about going there?

MR. SHEINESS: If you don't mind, if you

22 would just make a copy of this. I will not attach it as

23 an exhibit, but I don't have to write it all down and so

24 I can order the records or bills from this if you

25 will ---

MR. SHEINESS: You're right. December.

Q. Whatever date is there, you don't recall being

Page 9 Page 11 Is that one of these Medi center clinics? Q. I also have February of this year, the last 1 2 record I have from the school, another visit to the A. Yes. It's closer to the house. Q. Okay. There's a whole group of them around 4 town? Are you aware of that one? A. Yes, I am. A. Right. Q. Okay. Q. Okay. Do you know if she has been to see any 7 health care provider at the school, anywhere for a A. It's called Medi Clinic on Highway 6. 8 traumatic event since December of '08 of '09 -- of '09? Q. Oh, okay. A. I took her to the pediatrician for a bladder Any other doctors she's seen other than 10 infection. 10 Dr. Brock, Dr. Bootin and the doctors at the medical Q. Okay. And who is the name of the pediatrician? 11 clinic that you can think of other than dentist? A. Deborah Bootin. A. Dentist? 12 Q. Other than a dentist. 13 Q. Can you can you spell the last name? 13 A. B-O-O-T-I-N. A. Other than a dentist. 14 Q. In the last -- since the accident? Q. And what, Sugar Land, Houston? 15 15 A. We've seen two other doctors. Before the 16 A. Medical center. Q. Medical center. 17 surgery, I wanted to get a second opinion so I got two 17 When was this? 18 extra opinions -- two opinions from other doctors. 18 A. That was the day on that --Q. Who were they? 19 20 Q. Oh. A. I don't have their name. 21 A. That same day. 21 Q. I might. A. Dr. --22 Q. February 5th of '10? 22 Q. One was at -- never mind. One was Antekeier, A. Yes. 23 24 A-N-T-E-K-E-I-E-R? 24 Q. Okay. Has she seen -- who is her primary care A. Yes. 25 physician? Page 10 Page 12 A. Dr. Bootin. Q. Okay. Q. Okay. And so for the last two or three years A. He's a pediatric orthopedic. 2 3 for anything you've had to have her seen somebody, it's Q. Right. 4 either Dr. Bootin --A. And I wanted to go somewhere outside the A. Uh-huh. 5 medical center area. Q. -- or the orthopedic doctor? Q. You went to Texas Childrens? A. The orthopedic doctor and then there is some 7 A. Texas Children, right. 8 other doctors that she's also seen. Q. Okay. Q. Who else? Dr. Brock, Dr. Bootin and who else? A. And I wanted to get his opinion based on the Now, are you talking about other doctors at 10 MRI and everything before we did anything. 10 11 Fondren or other doctors somewhere else? Q. And he wrote a report, I think? 11 A. Somewhere else. 12 A. Yes, he did. Q. All right. Tell me what other doctors she's 13 Q. I've seen it. Okay. Is there still another doctor? 14 seen in the last couple years and for what reason? 14 A. There's a clinic. I don't know the name. It's 15 A. There was another doctor. I don't remember his 16 called Medi Clinic. I don't know the doctor's name. 16 **name**. Q. All right. We're going to -- if you think 17 He's a -- starts with a "G," but we've seen him for like 17 18 about it or I'll write Casey. 18 allergies and sore throat, things like that. A. Okay. Q. Okay. And would you be able to find out within 19 20 the next few days --20 Q. -- and ask if you can come up with his name. 21 A. Oh, yes. 21 And was that before the surgery as well? A. Before the surgery. 22 Q. -- the name of the clinic? 22 23 A. Uh-huh. 23 Q. Okay. Q. Let me get the whole question in. A. And actually I took her right after Dr. Brock 24 24

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The name of the clinic and address?

25 took her off the -- took the cast off just for a second

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1 opinion to make sure that everything was okay and just 2 to get a second opinion. That was it.

- Q. Okay. Now, so all the medical bills have beenpaid by Aetna minus deductible and co-pay and they havebeen paid up to date?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. As far as you know?
- 8 A. Yes, as far as I know.
- 9 Q. No one has been hounding you on any outstanding 10 medical bills?
- 11 A. I don't believe so.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. I don't pay the bills.
- 14 Q. I need to ask the boss man here, Petron?
- 15 A. Uh-huh.
- 16 Q. You heard your daughter describe the fact that 17 unless she's been asked to run in a game, she's able to 18 get along without pain.
- 19 Is that your same understanding and belief 20 for let's say the last -- since September of last year 21 or no?
- A. She does complain sometimes of pain in her leg and she has to take some Advil. But it's usually after some sort of activity.
- 25 Q. If I was a relative of yours staying in your

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- 1 house and had not seen your daughter in four or five
 2 years and stayed a weekend and a day in a house and
 3 whatever y'all do during, you know, a weekend.
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Would it be your belief that I as a relativewould leave there not even knowing she has eversustained a broken leg?
- 8 A. You would notice.
- 9 Q. What would I notice?
- 10 A. Her limping.
- 11 Q. Okay. Limping all the time, some of the time?
- 12 A. Some of the time.
- 13 Q. When do you see as a mother her limping more or 14 the times? Is there a common denominator, end of the 15 day, beginning of the day, after activities?
- 16 A. Anytime that she goes a little bit faster than 17 just walking.
- 18 Q. Okay. Tell me an example what you -- when I 19 might see that.
- A. When she goes from the kitchen to answer the door or the hallway, you see her running down the hallway.
- Q. Then would she limp after she opens the front door and greets somebody for a period of time or is she limping as she gets to the front door?

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- 1 A. She's limping as she's getting to the front 2 door.
- 3 Q. Okay. Once she gets to the front door in your 4 example, and I like it, and she greets the people and 5 they're coming in the house and she's no longer walking 6 fast, she's not limping?
- 7 A. If she's walking normal, no.
- Q. Have y'all had to have any orthotics put in?
- a A No
- 10 Q. Okay. Can you think of any other examples
 11 other than going to the front door? I mean, if she -12 if she's going up to her bedroom to get something that
 13 she needs for downstairs and she comes back downstairs,
 14 can she bound down the stairs as a child might -- is
- 15 that right, bound downstairs?
- 6 A. Run down the stairs, yes, but you see her --
- 17 Q. Favoring?
- A. Favoring -- she basically holds onto the rail
 19 and puts more weight on that side and leaving her leg
 20 like breaking her drop.
- 21 Q. Okay. But could I go a day in the house or two 22 days without seeing that? Just --
- 23 A. No, you would see it.
 - Q. It's almost every day?
- 25 A. It's every day.

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- 1 Q. Okay. The Advil is just over the counter 2 Advil?
- з A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. Is that a "yes"?
- 5 A. Yes. Sorry.
- 6 Q. What did the doctor tell you the last time you 7 saw him in November of '09?
- 8 A. That we discussed starting her on games and he 9 said that -- like soccer, because I wanted to get her
- 10 back into some sort of activity. And he told me not to
- 11 do anything until just wait for the summer. Or I
- 12 believe he said just hold off on everything right now13 until her bone healed.
- 14 Q. Okay. And did he ask y'all to see that she 15 does stretching exercises?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And is she doing that?
- 18 A. Yes, she is.
- 19 Q. What type of stretching exercise is she doing?
- 20 A. She -- she lays down on the bed and she lifts
 21 up her -- I put pressure on her foot and she bends it up
 22 and down, up and down.
- 23 Q. Okay. Is that what he showed y'all to do?
- 24 **A. Uh-huh.**
- 25 Q. Okay.

Page 17 Page 19 MR. BROWN: Is that a "yes"? A. I don't know. A. Yes. And he also basically said for her to Q. Okay. Were any measurements ever taken? 3 ride her bike, some activity with a bike. 4 BY MR. SHEINESS: Q. And what -- how many different times were Q. Okay. And is she doing that? 5 measurements taken, do you recall? A. Yes. 6 A. I believe two or three. 7 Q. Where does she ride the bike? Q. Okay. And as far as you know, they were equal A. Around the neighborhood, but not very often. 8 at the time? Q. Is it because of the weather or just, you know, A. No. 10 the area? Why is she not doing it more? Q. Were they ever equal or were they always 10 11 A. The weather. 11 different? 12 Q. Okav. A. They were -- I don't know. 12 A. The weather and if it's a school -- I don't 13 Q. Okay. But Dr. Brock did those? 14 want her to -- it's a school day or anything like that, A. Yes. 14 15 she can do this on the weekends but I don't want her to Q. Okay. Is her reading caught up, by the way? 16 affect it not going to school the next day because of 16 A. Yes. 17 her leg hurting. Q. She was behind in reading. 17 Q. Okay. Has she been riding on weekends as best Oh, yeah. Dr. Deborah Bootin at 7400 18 19 you can let her do it? 19 Fannin, Suite 900, Houston. A. Not often. But we did get a stationary remote 20 A. Uh-huh. 21 thing that she can just do that activity at home. And 21 Q. We've ordered those records. 22 she has it in her room. Now, you handed me an Aetna, but somebody 22 23 Q. Okay. Is it a stationary bike or --23 wrote down United Healthcare. A. It's just the pedals. 24 24 A. That was before then. Q. Just the pedals? Q. Okay. So for this accident, though, it was all 25 Page 18 1 Aetna? A. Uh-huh. 2 Q. Okay. Yeah. A. No. No. My job changed insurances. Q. Oh, okay. What do -- did the doctor in November 3 4 of '09 say come back May or June or just say come back A. So it could be that that was -- yeah. It was a 5 if you need to, what was his parting remarks? 5 couple of years ago. A. He basically wanted us to follow up. And I Q. All right. 7 need to make another appointment. A. I think it was with my husband's other Q. Okay. And when you left in '09, did he say 8 employer. 9 when or just say come back in the spring or do you Q. All right. So I would have to obtain the 10 recall what his words were as he left? 10 records from both United -- for this accident, if I 11 wanted to get all the medical bills incurred since --11 A. I don't recall. Q. Okay. What do you think he had hopefully A. August '08. 12 13 anticipated finding from what he said in '09 when you Q. -- August '08, I would need both United 14 come back this spring? 14 Healthcare as well as the Aetna? A. That he's hoping to find? A. Right. 16 Q. Uh-huh. 16 Q. Okay. What made you decide to sign up for Life 17 A. That her leg is growing normal. 17 Time Fitness for your daughter? Q. Okay. A. I saw that -- I saw research regarding more 18 A. And the growth plate is not -- the growth plate 19 activity for kids and it looked like a fun thing for

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20 summer.

25 and safe.

22 daughters enrolled?

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20 -- the spur in the growth plate is not affecting the

23 you're not a medical provider, but do you -- is it to

25 leg is shorter than the other, if you know?

Q. Okay. When you see her limping, and I know

24 you from your viewpoint more favoring the knee or one

21 growth of the leg.

Q. Okay. Did any of your other friends have their

A. No. I didn't know anybody. I just Googled it

24 and I saw that it had child care and it seemed very nice

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1 Q. Okay. And is that a true and correct 2 participation agreement filled out by you and signed by

4 A. I believe so.

3 you on behalf of Cristiana?

- 5 Q. Is that your signature on the second page?
- 6 A. Yes. sir.
- 7 Q. Let me mark that as Exhibit A.
- 8 COURT REPORTER: 1.
- 9 MR. SHEINESS: Exhibit 1.
- 10 (Exhibit No. 1 marked.)
- 11 BY MR. SHEINESS:
- 12 Q. When you -- when you filled that out, do you 13 recall where you were? Were you there or did you take a 14 package home to sign?
- 15 A. I was right there.
- Q. Okay. Had you ever signed such an agreementbefore for your child, any other child, yourself,anywhere else to your knowledge?
- 19 Was this the first time you had signed such 20 an agreement?
- 21 A. The first I've signed an agreement like this.
- Q. Do you feel now that you looking back you were rushed or forced to sign this agreement?
- 24 A. I was in a rush, yes.
- 25 Q. Okay. Could you have taken this home and read

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- 1 it and brought it back the next day with your child the 2 next day?
- 3 A. I was dropping her off that day. I could not 4 do that.
- 5 Q. But that was your choice to drop her off that 6 day? Was there a day that had to be that day?
- 7 A. Well, it was either that day or I would have to 8 not put her in there that day.
- 9 Q. Okay. It was a start of a class?
- 10 A. Right.
- 11 Q. Okay. And how many days before this June 16th 12 had you Googled them and saw what classes they had for 13 your daughter?
- A. No. It was just to leave her there for day 15 care.
- 16 Q. I understand that.
- But from the time you decided to go and -18 go to Life Time Fitness and enroll your daughter, how
 19 many days from the day you actually arrived there to get
 20 that done.
- 21 A. Oh, I don't remember.
- 22 Q. I mean, more than just a day?
- 23 A. Yes
- 24 Q. Okay. Did you ever visit Life Time Fitness 25 center before you dropped her off?

- 1 A. Yes, I did.
- 2 Q. How many different times did you go?
- 3 A. Just one time.
- 4 Q. And tell me what happened when you went by 5 there.
- 6 A. I saw the people, checked in. I talked to the
 7 lady responsible for enrolling the children. They
 8 showed me around as far as the rock climbing. They
 9 showed me where she was going to be at in the gym and
 10 the changing room. And then they let me know that they
 11 were going to be going out to the pool.
- 12 Q. Okay. Did you have the opportunity if you 13 wanted to tour the whole facility or more than the 14 facility that was shown you?
- 15 A. They didn't mention it, but I assume they would 16 have.
- 17 Q. Okay. Approximately how long were you out 18 there that day?
- 19 A. I don't remember.
- 20 Q. Was Cristiana (sic) with you?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. Cristina.
- 24 Q. Cristina. I apologize.
- 25 Was your husband with you?

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- 1 A. No.
- Q. Okay. How many other documents did you have,3 if you recall, to sign other than the participation4 agreement?
- 5 A. I don't remember.
- 6 Q. Is it going to be your position that you didn't 7 get a chance to read it, you didn't understand it all, 8 you were forced to sign it or anything like that?
- 9 A. Well, I didn't read it. I just signed it.
- 10 Q. Okay. Did you not read it because you needed 11 to get on to work or what?
- A. I didn't read it because the place looked very
 la nice. Everything looked fine. I thought this was a
 regular agreement that, you know, I will be responsible
 fi anything would happen to Cristina. But I did not
 think that it was not going to be because it was not
 safe.
- 18 Q. I understand that.
- And although you had not ever signed one like this before for any other child, the fact that you were asked to sign it didn't surprise you, did it, in 22 today's world --
- 23 A. No. No, it didn't.
- 24 Q. -- or shock you in any way?
- 25 A. It didn't.

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- Q. Okay. And she got hurt on the first day she 2 was there?
- A. No.
- Q. Okay. How many days was it, had she been going 4 5 there?
- A. She had been there since June -- I mean, school 7 ended which I believe this was like --
- Q. June -
- A. -- 16, '08.
- 10 Q. Right. So she had been going from June until 11 August 8th?
- 12 A. No.
- O No 13
- 14 All right. Tell me -- you sign her on
- 15 June 16th.
- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. You let her off? 17
- A. She signed on June 16th, and I don't have all
- 19 that paperwork, but then I put her in another facility.
- 20 It's called Kid College. And she went there for about
- 21 two weeks. It was strictly school type of setting. And
- 22 then I brought her back to Life Time Fitness.
- 23 Q. Okay. Now, how long was she at Life Time 24 Fitness the first time?
- 25 A. The very first time?

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A. I don't recall.

1 Q. Uh-huh.

- Q. Was she enrolled the first time in a particular 4 type of class that lasted a particular length of time?
- A. No. It was just a --
- Q. Oh, day care.
- A. Day care.
- Q. Okay. First time is day care, but she would be 9 using the pool?
- A. Yes. It was -- it was a summer thing. It was 11 open for the summer for the kids when they were out of 12 school.
- Q. And how long do you think you had her before 14 you took her to the other place?
- 15 A. I don't remember.
- 16 Q. All right. But would it be every weekday?
- 17 A. I think it was about -- I don't remember.
- 18 Q. Do you have any documents that might help you?
- 19 A. Yes, I can. I can get you that.
- Q. All right. Tell me what you're thinking in
- 21 your mind that you have at your house. What type of
- A. I can get -- actually I can call Kid College 24 and see when I enrolled her in that and that was for 25 strictly two weeks.

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- Q. Okay. So we'll have to go -- I have to find 2 somebody who is capable from now. Good help is just so 3 hard to find.
- 4 So we have to go from June 16th until 5 whatever day you enrolled her at Kids College?
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And then for two weeks at Kids College; a correct?
- A. Right.
- MR. SHEINESS: All right. And now, so I'm 10 11 going to request the date of starting the Kids College. 12 BY MR. SHEINESS:
- Q. Now, let's just for our discussion day say it 14 was a week.
- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. She was at Life Time day care for a week and 17 then you put her in Kids College for two weeks.
- During that week, would it be every weekday 19 that you would take her --
- A. Yes.
- 21 Q. -- and drop her off?
- A. Yes. 22
- Q. Okay. And as far as you know, in -- from
- 24 June 16th was -- assuming the weather was okay, was 25 swimming a part of the day?

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- A. Yes.
- Q. And did she keep a bathing suit or did she take 3 one with her each day?
- A. Each day she would take one.
- Q. Okay. And as far as you know now, being around 6 that pool, being around the grate, she was around it 7 virtually every day for some period of time before you 8 took her to Kids College?
- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Is that a "yes"?
- A. Yes. I'm sorry. 11
 - Q. Kids College had no pool, no outside
- 13 activities?
- A. No.
- 15 Q. Correct?
- A. Correct. 16
- Q. All right. Now, she's through there. 17
- Now, you bring her back and at what -- do 19 you bring her back for a particular class or is it 20 different?
- A. No, it's the same thing.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. It was just fun.
- Q. All right. Did you have to tell them when you 25 come back after a two week break or do you have to tell

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- 1 them you're going on vacation for two weeks and they 2 won't charge you or do they even know you've been gone 3 for two weeks?
- 4 A. I don't think they knew but the girls knew who 5 I was and who Cristina was.
- Q. Right. But you don't have to start signing
 paperwork again. You're under the -- as far as you were
 concerned, under the same paperwork as when you started?
- 9 A. Well, they told me that I needed to sign the 10 paperwork all over again --
- 11 Q. All right.
- 12 A. -- because she had been out.
- 13 Q. Right.
- A. And they never gave me the paperwork. Every
 morning when I would drop off Cristina, I would ask
 about the paperwork and either the girl was not there or
 they just say just leave the check here and I'll give it
- 19 Q. How were you paying?
- 20 A. -- them.
- 21 By check.
- 22 Q. By day, by check, by --
- 23 A. By week.
- 24 Q. By week.
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

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- 1 Q. Okay. So you paid for -- your checks would 2 also tell us --
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. -- as well?
- 5 **A. Yes.**
- Q. Okay. So the checks would tell us the first
 period of time and you probably took her or paid for at
 least a full week; you agree --
- 9 **A. Yes.**
- 10 Q. -- in all probability?
- All right. How long was she there the second time before she got hurt, approximately?
- A. I believe it was two weeks, but I'm not sure.
- Q. Again, we can look at the -- the last two-week period that you were at the college place and go from the end of that two-week period until August 8th and we would know; correct?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. All right. As far as you were concerned, the 20 paperwork that you might have signed, would have signed, 21 could have signed, the second time would have been the 22 same participation agreement as you signed the first 23 time?
- 24 A. I was not --
- MR. BROWN: Objection, speculation.

1 BY MR. SHEINESS:

Q. Did they indicate it was any different than the first paperwork?

4 A. I think they mentioned -- I don't know. I 5 don't remember.

- Q. Hypothetically if you had been presented a
 blank form, this same blank form at the beginning of the
 second time, you would have signed it without
 hesitation, wouldn't you?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So now she's there a second time, same day care, same swimming around the pool almost every day; correct?
- 14 A. Uh-huh.
 - Q. Is that a "yes"?
- 16 A. Yes.

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- 17 Q. All right. Did she ever tell you anything 18 about the facilities that are bad. The water is dirty, 19 the bathrooms are dirty, anything like that that she 20 reported?
- A. No. I would have seen it and I would have said 22 something.
- 23 Q. You would have said something.
- 24 And when you dropped her off each day,
- 25 where would you drop her off, out front?

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- 1 A. At the gym.
- 2 Q. Okay. And where would you pick her up each 3 day?
- 4 A. At the gym.
 - Q. So how would you have seen the facilities?
- 6 A. Or the -- I would walk -- I would get there 7 early and walk in the pool area -- not the pool, the 8 lockers.
- 9 Q. Did you ever use their facilities?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did your husband?
- A. No.
- 13 Q. Anybody that you know of?
- 14 A. I believe my step daughter joined.
- 15 Q. When did your step daughter join?
- 6 A. I have no idea.
- 17 Q. Before or after the incident?
- 18 A. I have no idea.
 - Q. And your step daughter's name is?
- 20 A. Cloe Paz.
- 21 Q. C-L-O-E?
- 22 A. P-A-Z.
- 23 Q. P-A-Z.
- Okay. Have you talked -- after this --25 where were you when you heard your daughter had gotten

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Page 33 Page 35 1 hurt? Q. I mean, you might. I just don't -- I just want A. I was going home. 2 to see where we were. 2 Q. From? Okay. You told your husband to do what? A. Work. A. That I would meet him at Texas Children. Q. Where were you working at time? Q. Okay. Is that where you met at Texas Children? A. The Woman's Specialist of Houston. 6 A. Yes. Q. And what type of business is that? Q. Okay. Since that day till today, have you been 7 A. OB/GYN practice. 8 back to Life Time center? Q. And what do you do there? A. Never. 10 A. I'm a medical assistant. Q. Have you sent anybody, your husband, lawyer, Q. And do you have an RN or --11 investigator, friend, to do -- to go back to Life Time 11 12 A. There is an RN there. 12 center to check it out, take photographs, talk to 13 Q. Are you an RN? 13 anybody, to your knowledge? 14 A. No, I'm a medical assistant. A. No. Q. Have you communicated with anyone at Life Time Q. Medical assistant. 15 16 center past or present employee? 16 Okay. How long have you been a medical A. No. 17 assistant? A. 22 years. Q. Has your husband, to your knowledge? 18 Q. Always in the OB/GYN field? 19 A. No. 19 Q. Have you visited any other Life Time center? 20 A. Yes, sir. 20 21 Q. Okay. Who contacted you? 21 Q. Has your husband, to your knowledge, or step 22 A. My husband. 22 23 daughter or anyone else? Q. Okay. How did he know -- how was he contacted? 23 A. No. A. I believe -- well, he told me that he was at Q. Has your step daughter provided you any 25 the day care of Life Time Fitness and that they had 1 contacted him regarding my -- Cristina falling or 1 information from whichever Life Time center she belongs 2 hurting her knee and he asked me do you want me to take 2 to --3 her to Texas Children or see a doctor over there. And I A. No. 4 told him, no, go ahead and bring him to Texas Children. Q. Let me finish the question --Q. Had she called him or coincidentally he was A. Oh. 6 there to pick her up? Q. -- so we -- just to make sure. 6 A. No, they called him. About the facilities, about the 7 Q. They called him? 8 construction, design or anything like that? A. They tried calling me numerous times but my 10 phone didn't work and I just had a bunch of missed Q. The photographs that I showed your daughter, 11 have you seen those before today? Q. Okay. Because I knew from the participation 12 A. No. 12 13 agreement they are supposed to be calling you? Q. Okay. You're welcome to. I mean, I sent them A. Right. 14 to your lawyer, but you have not seen them? 15 Q. And they had tried to called you? A. No, I just saw them now. 16 A. They called. They tried. Q. Okay. Have you seen the incident report Q. Okay. You don't have any complaint with my 17 prepared by my client right after the incident? 18 client for not trying to contact you or your husband, do 18 19 you? Or, I mean, trying to reach you after the Q. Okay. Tell me -- the records I have show that 20 incident? 20 -- at Texas Childrens the -- who was there to give the 21 history to the staff there, do you know? 21 A. Not -- no. 22 Q. Okay. 22 A. My husband and I. 23 A. Regarding getting in touch with me? 23 Q. Where did you get the history at that point in 24 Q. Yes. 24 time to tell them? 25 A. No. A. From my husband.

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- Q. Where had he gotten it from?
- 2 A. The lifeguards that were there.
- 3 Q. Okay. I'll ask him about it.
- As I discussed with your daughter, the medical records that I have show that she goes from -- well, one entry that I see dated October '08 -- October of '08 from the school district.
- 8 A. Uh-huh.
- 9 Q. Patient done well in the past nine weeks. We
 10 are so glad to see her walking getting around so well.
 11 Her reading level is 14. She will be need to be at a 28
 12 at the end of the second grade. She enjoys school and
 13 learning and this help. Her math skills are where they
 14 need to be now and we will be building on these.
- Do you recall that first period reporting?
- 16 A. I don't recall it.
- 17 Q. Does it sound correct? And that would be as of 18 October of '08.
- 19 Would that be your description as well of 20 her -- as her -- of her at that time?
- 21 A. I don't -- I don't recall it.
- Q. Okay. Same month, October of '08. Strikethat.
- Two months later, December of '08, from 25 Dr. Brock: Patient continues to look great. Limping

1 Q. -- show a break.

Okay. The records show on May 12 or his records show patient went to the beach and played and jumped all day Saturday. On Saturday night she woke up with a lot of pain in the leg.

- 6 Is that the history you gave to Dr. Brock?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. He also -- she -- Dr. Brock notes she does not 9 feel pain, but she is scared.
 - Do you recall that?
- 11 A. No.
- 2 Q. On May -- that same May 12, '09, it says:
- 13 Patient was playing at the beach on May 10 where she was 14 jumping up and down all day and riding a bicycle in a 15 standing position.
- Did you give him that history?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Who would have given a history to Dr. Brock 19 other than you?
- 20 A. I don't know, but she was not riding a bike.
- 21 Q. Okay. Who was at the beach as she described 22 you and --
- 23 A. A friend of mine, Cristina and I. It was for 24 Mother's Day.
- Q. And you all three were the only ones?

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- 1 just a little bit, but so far so good. She's no longer
- 2 having any pain. Follow-up in six months with an x-ray.
- 3 Do you recall being told that in December 4 of '08 by Dr. Brock?
- 5 A. I don't recall it.
- 6 Q. Okay. And then on that same time he notes: 7 Return to school. Was in the office today. He -- has 8 now recovered sufficiently to be able to return to 9 activities.
- Do you recall that from Dr. Brock advising 11 you of that on December 2nd, 2008?
- 12 A. I don't recall it.
- Q. I go in the records that I've obtained from
 December of '08. The next medical record I have is May
 12th of '09.
- 16 Does that sound correct to you?
- 17 A. December '08 --
- 18 Q. To May 12.
- 19 A. I remember May. I remember May. I don't 20 remember --
- 21 Q. Do you remember her seeing any doctor between 22 December 2nd, 2008 and May 12th, 2009?
- 23 A. It would be only Dr. Brock.
- 24 Q. Okay. And if his records show a break --
- 25 A. If it's -- right.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And what's the name of the friend?
- 3 A. Becky McKay.
- 4 Q. Okay. And how would you reach Becky McKay if I 5 wanted to talk to Becky McKay?
- 6 A. I can give you her number.
- MR. SHEINESS: And I request her number.
- 8 BY MR. SHEINESS:
- 9 Q. We go from May 12 to May 25th of '09. And the
- 10 office visit history from Dr. Brock says it bothers her
- 11 sometimes once a week and sometimes not at all.
- 12 Recently the family had a really active day and while
- 13 they were visiting their grandmother in the nursing
- 14 home, Cristina started complaining of a lot of pain in
- 15 the knee and that night it was even worse.
 - Do you recall that?
 - Do you recan tha
- 17 A. Yes.

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- 18 Q. Was there anything particularly going on at the 19 nursing home activitywise?
- A. She was just -- it was before we got to the
- 21 nursing home. She had just been running around, nothing
- 22 -- just running. Anytime that she would -- this
- 23 happened twice. Anytime that she would overdo herself,
- 24 she would complain of severe pain and it would just kick 25 on.

Page 41 Page 43 Q. How long would it last? Q. Okay. I also discussed watching her weight so A. Two days. About two days. 2 2 she does not overload her knees. Q. Would Advil and Motrin seem to help or not? Do you recall him talking to you about A. No, it wouldn't help. 4 that? Q. What is an "S" and an "E" at Oyster Creek A. Yes. 5 6 Elementary? I need to ask you that, although I don't Q. Okay. And then Dr. Brock did the procedure; 7 have children. 7 correct? A. Satisfactory or excellent. A. Yes. Q. She got three S's and one E. 9 Q. Okay. Was it that day or was she an overnight? 10 Is that good? A. It was an overnight. A. Uh-huh. That's good, yeah. Q. How many nights did she stay? 11 11 12 Q. I got all F's so I... A. She stayed -- one night she stayed over one 12 13 When the doctor writes or Texas Children 13 night because of the pain. 14 writes on October 22, '09 not experiencing any pain now, Q. Okay. It says it was a day surgery unit is 14 15 is that -- is it your understanding because that's that 15 where it took place? 16 day or is that just generally that period of time? 16 A. Uh-huh. 17 A. That day. What day was that? Q. That's the reason I asked. 17 Q. October 22nd, 2009 Texas Childrens Hospital. A. Yes. 18 18 19 A. Texas Children Hospital? Q. But she stayed over another night? 19 20 Q. Right. TCH. 20 A. She stayed a night because the incision was 21 A. No, that would be Dr. Brock's office. 21 larger than they had to do and --22 Q. Or is that Dr. Antekeier? Q. Okay. 22 A. -- they put a pump -- a pain pump overnight. A. Antekeier. 23 23 Q. Okay. That would have been in October of --24 Q. Antekeier. 24 A. At that time. She was --25 November of '09; correct? 25 Page 42 Page 44 1 Q. And that was -- right. A. Yes. 2 You mean that at that time that day --2 Q. And she returned to school on November 16th of A. That day. 3 '09? 3 Q. -- or that general area of days? A. Yes, sir. A. That day. Q. Has she missed any time from work or --Q. It says there, not pain is not while you're A. From school. 7 visiting the clinic. 7 Q. -- from school? A. Right. I'm sorry. 8 Is that because you were going for a second 9 opinion? 9 Q. It's a long day and it's Friday. She did not fall behind, did she? A. Second opinion. 10 Q. Okay. She still playing with video games? 11 11 A. Yes. 12 12 Q. How far behind did she fall? Has she made it Q. All right. And Dr. David Antekeier in his 13 up or not? 14 plan, do you recall reading his plan or telling you what A. She's made it up now. 14 15 his plan was? 15 Q. Okay. And -- okay. Let me see that. 16 A. Basically he agreed with Dr. Brock's diagnosis 16 MR. SHEINESS: I still want a copy, but 17 and to do the surgery. 17 it's in here, too. Q. It says I would like for her to return to all 18 BY MR. SHEINESS: 19 levels of activities. I have discussed the importance Q. You must have switched over in November of '09 19 20 of stretching it and at her age she may have a condition 20 because now they switch over to Aetna. 21 that could requires maybe both Motrin and ice after 21 A. Probably. 22 activities. Did he discuss that with you? Q. Okay. When did you buy the pedals for her at Particularly stretching would be important 23 the home, do you know?

25 to us.

24 before activities. Did he discuss that with you?

A. I don't remember.

A. We didn't buy them. My mother-in-law give them

Page 45 Page 47 Q. Okay. When was that? 1 house that you might be familiar with. Can you think of 2 A. I don't recall. 2 anything that you're familiar with that rests on Q. The notation from Dr. Brock which I think is з something like that? 4 the last time he saw her, correct, November 17th of '09? MR. BROWN: Objection. A. Yes, sir. 5 BY MR. SHEINESS: Q. Says x-rays looked good. She is very Q. At your house? 6 7 comfortable and is already putting weight on the leg How about out front of your house, have you 8 without pain. She may increase her weight bearing as 8 ever gone out there to see what your water sprinkler or 9 tolerated. We'll see her back in two weeks to check 9 your water supply box looks like? 10 motion and strength in her leg but no further x-rays A. No. 11 will be necessary. Q. Okay. Have you done any investigation or your Assuming I have that down correct, you have 12 husband or anyone else other than your lawyer on the 13 not returned, though? 13 internet, dealing with other accidents or incidents with 14 this type of grating system? A. No, he have not. 15 Q. Okay. Whatever you know about the incident, 15 A. No. 16 have you -- is second or third hand or have you talked Q. I'll take all that back. 16 17 to someone who witnessed the incident besides talking to 17 A. (Tendering). 18 your daughter, of course? Q. You don't have any -- again, you don't have any A. Besides talking to my daughter? 19 idea what the deductible was on either policy? 20 Q. Right. A. I sure don't. A. My husband. Q. Did you meet the deductible on both policies, 21 21 Q. Okay. He did not witness it, did he? 22 22 though? A. No. A. I don't know. 23 MR. SHEINESS: Okay. That's all the Q. Okay. You heard her description of what she 24 24 25 questions that I have. Thank you, ma'am. 25 was doing at the time. Page 46 Page 48 Is that consistent, little consistent, THE WITNESS: Thank you. 2 inconsistent with what she's told you immediately 2 MR. BROWN: We will reserve our questions 3 afterwards how it occurred? 3 for trial. A. Consistent. VIDEOGRAPHER: We're off the record. The Q. Okay. Do you understand what your daughter and 5 time is 2:30 p.m. 6 I were talking about how there's a drop and a lip that 6 7 these things all sit on? (DEPOSITION CONCLUDED AT 2:30 P.M.) 7 8 Do you understand what we were talking 8 9 about? 9 A. No. 10 10 Q. Seeing this photograph that your daughter was 11 12 using, holding up, you have the grates that run the 12 13 entire parameter. They're about three feet long, about 13 14 four or five inches wide. 14 Do you see what I'm talking about? And you 15 16 see how they are flush? 16 17 A. Uh-huh. 17 Q. Is that a "yes"? 18 18 19 A. Yes. 19 Q. Okay. And assuming they rest on the length 20 21 21 sides, they're butting, there is one, two, three. There 22 is one, two -- there is three. And there's a lip that 22 23 these are all are laying on. 23 24 A. Yes, sir. 24 25 Q. I'm trying to think of something around your 25

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	2 HOUSTON DIVISION
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4 PAGE LINE CHANGE	AND A/N/F MIRARIS RUTH)
5 REASON	4 PAZ, A MINOR, AND RUTH)
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7	VS.
8	6) NO.: 4:09-CV-2804
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11	8 MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC,)
	LTF CLUB OPERATIONS)
12	9 COMPANY, INC. And GENE)
13	SMITH)
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15	12 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION OF THE ORAL
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17	14 MARCH 19, 2010
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21	20 by the officer and that the transcript of the oral
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